Com' Concil' tent' in Camera *Guihald'* Civitat' *LONDON*, die *Veneris* Decimo nono die *Octobr'*, Anno Regni Domini & Dominæ Noſtrorum, WILLIELMI & MARIÆ, nunc Regis & Reginæ, *Angliæ, &c.* Sexto: Coram *Willielmo Aſhhurſt* Mil', Major' dictæ Civitat'; *Salathiel Lovell* Mil', Servien' ad Legem ac Recordat' dictæ Civitat'; *Humphrido Edwyn* Mil', *Richardo Levit* Mil', & *Willielmo Hedges* Mil' & Alderman'; Necnon Major' parte Communiar' dictæ Civitat' in eodem Com' Concil' tunc & ibidem Aſſemblat'.

An ACT *of* Common Council *for Regulating the Company of* JOYNERS *and* CEILERS, London.

WHEREAS the Company of JOYNERS and CEILERS, is, and hath been an Ancient Brotherhood, and long ſince Incorporated, and Their CHARTER Inrolled amongſt others of the like Nature in this City: But of late years is much leſſened and decayed, by reaſon that divers Unskilful in the ſaid Arts do daily Practice and Uſe the ſame, not being ſubject or liable to any Government, Cor-

rection or Controll; and for that such as are Free of other Companies, and thereby Obtaining the Freedom of the City, do Use and Practice the Trades of JOYNERS, CARVERS and CEILERS, and other Imployments pertaining thereunto, and are not under any Regulation or Restriction either as to the Number of their Apprentices, Seasons of Timber, or Goodness of Work; whereby much Deceitful Work is daily made and exposed to Sale, within this City and Liberties thereof, to the great Injury, Fraud and Deceit of Unskilful Buyers, as well within this City and the Liberties thereof, as without.

For Remedy and Reformation whereof, and to the intent all Freemen of this City and Liberties thereof, using the Trades and Arts aforesaid, or any of them, may from Time to come be obliged to be Free of the said Company of JOYNERS and CEILERS, and thereby become subject to the good Laws and Ordinances of the same, and be brought under their Search, View and Regulation, whereby all Frauds, Defaults, Unskilful Workmanship, and other Offences in the said Trades, Arts and Mysteries, may be discovered, corrected and punished:

Be it therefore Enacted, Ordained and Established by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons in this present Common-Council Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from henceforth all and every person or persons, hereafter Using or Exercising the said Trades, Arts or Mysteries of JOYNERY, CARVING and CEILING, or any of them, or other Imployments pertaining thereunto, within the said City and Liberties thereof, who hath or shall have Right or Privilege to be made Free by Patrimony or otherwise, by virtue of his Father's Freedom in any other Company, whereof his Father was, is or shall be Free, or by Service with any Free-man of any other Company, shall (at the next Court of Assistants of the said Company of JOYNERS and CEILERS, after Notice thereof to him given, by the Clerk or Beadle

Beadle of the ſaid Company, by Order of the Maſter and Wardens of the ſaid Company for the Time being accept and take upon himſelf the Freedom, and be made a Free man of the ſaid Company of Joyners and Ceilers, in like manner and form as he might or could have been in ſuch Company whereof his Father or Maſter was ſo Free as aforeſaid; Any Law, Cuſtom or Uſage to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

And that for the Future no Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall uſe or exerciſe the ſaid Trades, Myſteries or Occupations of JOYNING, CARVING, or CEILING, within this City or the Liberties thereof, ſhall be made Free of the City by Redemption in any other Company, ſave only of the ſaid Company of Joyners and Ceilers.

And be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons, uſing or exerciſing, or which ſhall uſe or exerciſe the Trades, Arts or Myſteries of a JOYNER, CARVER and CEILER, or any of them, within the City of London, or Liberties thereof, who hath already ſerved his Apprenticeſhip, or ſhall hereafter ſerve his Apprenticeſhip in the ſaid Trade, Arts and Myſteries, or any of them, and is not yet made Free of this City; or who ſhall procure his Freedom by Redemption, Service or Patrimony of any other Company, than of the ſaid Company of Joyners and Ceilers, and ſhall exerciſe the ſaid Trades, Arts or Myſteries, or any of them, not being Free of the ſaid Company; That then all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons ſo doing and offending, ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of Ten Pounds of Lawful Money of England, to be Recovered by Action of Debt, Bill or Plaint, to be Commenced and Proſecuted in the Name of the Chamberlain of the ſaid City of London, for the time being, in Their Majeſties Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, to be holden in the Chamber of Guild-Hall of the ſaid City of London; And that the Chamberlain of the ſaid City for the Time being, in all Suits to be proſecuted by virtue of this preſent Act againſt any Offender, ſhall Recover his

his ordinary Costs of Suit to be Expended in and about the Prosecution of the same.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That one Moiety of all such Forfeitures to be recovered by Virtue of this present Act (the Costs of Suits for recovery of the same being first deducted and allowed after recovery and receipt thereof, shall be from time to time paid into the Chamber of the said City, to the use of the Mayor, Comminalty and Citizens of the said City of London; and the other Moiety to the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Company of Joyners and Ceilers for the time being, for the use of the Poor of the said Company.

And that in case the said Chamberlain for the time being, shall be Nonsuited; or a Verdict or Judgment shall be given against the said Chamberlain in any such Action to be brought by virtue of this ACT, That then the Costs of such Nonsuit, Verdict or Judgment, shall be paid and born by the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the Company of Joyners and Ceilers for the time being; and the said Chamberlain to be fully indempnified and saved harmless, by the said Master, Wardens and Assistants, of and from the same: Any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

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